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SUBJECT: Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of the Publication Procurement and
Exploitation Conference, 6 December 1956 (U)

TO: See Distribution

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1. (UNCLASSIFIED) The following personnel were present at the meeting:

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| Mr R. W. Bauer (Chairman) | CDCFR |
| Capt J. Aaron | CCIA |
| Mr F. T. Nicoletti | OCE/AMS |
| Mr D. W. Platt | OCE/AMS |
| Dr W. Frank | OCE/AMS |
| Lt Col R. A. Joy | OCE/EID |
| Mr M. P. Connaughton | OCE/EID |
| Dr I. D. Dickman | OTSG |
| Miss M. Holdsworth | OCO |
| Mrs H. Mounts | OMIA |
| Mr H. Just | SCIA |
| Mr R. F. Waring | TIA |

2. (UNCLASSIFIED) The Chairman convened the fourth meeting at 1000 hours, 6 December. The minutes of the second and third meetings were approved without additions or emendations.

3. (CONFIDENTIAL) The Chairman told the conferees that G-2, USAREUR, had informed OACSI that instructions had been sent to all field collection units directing them to reproduce all "TRASH" so that in the future copies of this material would be provided to OACSI regularly. The Chairman also stated that it had been determined that field representatives of at least one agency had been sending material directly to their agency in Washington, and an attempt would be made to get a list of the items thus transmitted.

4. (UNCLASSIFIED) The Chairman stated that examination of the distribution of the various Foreign Documents Division reports disclosed that distribution varied with each report. As a result, some of the Technical Services were not receiving reports which contained information of value to them. The nature of these reports clearly indicates that they should have a standard distribution, and the Chairman therefore proposed that each agency indicate the number of copies desired regularly. As FDD plans to publish a complete list of its reports (similar in scope to Foreign Documents Division Reference Aid No. 36, subject: Foreign Publications Exploitation Review, dated April 1955) in January 1957, it was decided that the Chairman should transmit this list by DF together with a request for the number of copies of each report desired. Each agency will be

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encouraged to give the widest possible distribution to the list so that all interested elements of the agency will be apprised of the availability and scope of the many FDD reports. A total of 26 copies of the FDD list were requested by the agency representatives present.

5. (UNCLASSIFIED) The Chairman was questioned concerning the status of the requirements provided by the Technical Services in response to DF, file ACSI-CDCI, subject: Foreign Publication Exploitation, dated 19 January 1956. He stated that the requirements had been served upon FDD through the IAC Subcommittee on Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications (SEFLP) and they were being used by FDD as a guide for exploitation. Due to manpower limitations, however, some of the requirements could not be fulfilled at the present time, but an attempt would be made to meet them in the future. The requirements which could not be fulfilled were listed in general terms in TAB "B" to the Report to the Advisory Committee on Foreign Language Publications by the SEFLP (see paragraph 4 of the Minutes of the First Publication Procurement and Exploitation Conference, dated 24 September 1956.)

6. (CONFIDENTIAL) Mechanical Translator. The Chairman discussed the status of the development of a mechanical translator. He stated that the U.S.S.R. already has the capability to translate by mechanical means, and their translator has been demonstrated to U.S. personnel. The mechanical translator which has been under development for several years by Georgetown University and IBM has now reached the stage where, by January 1957, it will be possible to translate continuous texts from chemical literature. The Chairman concluded that it is now only a matter of time before not only Russian, but also other languages, can be translated by mechanical means.

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7. (CONFIDENTIAL) Russian-English Glossary. The Chairman read a memorandum which had been received by OACSI concerning the imminent availability of a new edition of the publication, "Preliminary Glossary of Soviet Terminology," which was originally published by [REDACTED] CIA, 1 September 1950. This glossary is a collection of provincial, colloquial and recently developed Soviet terms and expressions, which supplements currently available dictionaries. The Chairman requested that the conferees inform him, by 10 December 1956, concerning the number of copies desired by their agencies.

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8. (UNCLASSIFIED) TM 30-545. The SigC representative informed the conferees that a new Russian-English, English-Russian dictionary of electronic terms (TM 30-545) had just been published.

9. (CONFIDENTIAL) Exploitation of Publications from the Communist Far East. The MedC representative, referring to the Minutes of the 79th Meeting of the SEFLP, dated 9 November 1956, requested that FDD be asked to place more emphasis on North Viet Nam and North Korea. The Chairman stated that this request would be passed along to FDD, but he believed the problem was one of lack of exploitable material rather than lack of emphasis.

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10. (UNCLASSIFIED) There followed a discussion of the distribution of Soviet military journals. The Chairman stated that the Soviet authorities had permitted the Army Attache, Moscow, to place only one subscription for the available military publications for 1956, although two (2) of each had been requested. Five (5) subscriptions to each had been requested for 1957, but the Chairman considered it doubtful that more than one could be obtained. The MedC representative then pointed out that her agency had only obtained copies of the Soviet "Military Medical Journal," which was being obtained by the Air Attache on an exchange basis, after a wait of about six months. The Chairman replied that he was aware of this problem, and would see if something could be done to expedite reproduction and distribution of copies of the periodical.

11. (CONFIDENTIAL) Exploitation of Scientific and Technical Publications. (Reference is made to D/F, File ACSI-CDCFR, Subject: Exploitation of Scientific and Technical Publications, dated 30 November 1956.) The Chairman informed the conferees that during the 30 November 1956 meeting of the SEFLP, a number of proposals were raised concerning changes in the FDD exploitation program, and especially in the format of FDD Summary, "Scientific Information Report." He expressed the belief that at least some of these proposals would be in accord with objections raised by the Technical Services. The Chairman then distributed copies of a paper summarizing the proposals. He also distributed copies of a study prepared by FDD which listed the Soviet scientific and technical periodical publications currently available or known to be published. This list includes a total of 395 newspapers and journals, most of which are being abstracted selectively by FDD.

12. (CONFIDENTIAL) In connection with the D/F referred to in paragraph 11, the Technical Services had not had sufficient time to prepare replies, but several points were raised. Concerning the relative merits of selective abstracting vis-a-vis cover-to-cover abstracting, the SigC representative suggested that a limited number of journals might be abstracted on a cover-to-cover basis. The Chairman agreed that this was probably possible, but the matter of selection would be extremely difficult, as each IAC agency would be limited to a very few titles. Representatives of several agencies indicated an interest in increased coverage of non-Sino-Soviet Bloc periodicals, especially for information pertaining to S & T developments within the Bloc.

13. (UNCLASSIFIED) Preparation of Joint Report on Periodicals and Serial Publications Received in D/A; in Washington. The Chairman asked for the comments of the conferees on this agenda item which had been proposed by personnel in OCE/ANS. During the discussion which ensued, it was emphasized that the most important information desired in the report was the repository or repositories for each publication. The conferees also agreed that the report should be limited to publications received by D/A agencies in the Washington area. Upon request of the conferees the Chairman agreed to recommend to the IAC Subcommittee on Procurement of Foreign Language Publications that similar reports be prepared by

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other IAC agencies. Concerning the proposed D/A report, the following recommendations were made and agreed upon:

a. OACSI will prepare a D/F requesting that each of the Technical Services (and possibly other agencies in D/A) prepare a list of periodicals received. The D/F will include instructions concerning format, content, and other pertinent details. A sample page will be included.

b. The deadline for preparation of the report will be 1 April 1957.

c. The report will be prepared semiannually or at least annually.

d. Each agency will prepare and type on legal-sized stencil its own list. These separate lists will be attached to an OACSI list which will include a master index and necessary explanatory notes. OACSI will reproduce and disseminate the complete list.

e. The report will be limited to serial publications issued semiannually or more frequently. No newspapers will be included.

f. For languages which do not use the Roman Alphabet, the standard transliterations included in H 50-150-1, subject: Transliteration Handbook, dated January 1954, or a revision thereto will be used.

g. Each agency will indicate the length of time a publication is retained in file.

III. (CONFIDENTIAL) Evaluation of Library of Congress Exchange of Publications with the Lenin State Library of the U.S.S.R. The Chairman stated that OSD was interested in determining whether the present exchange of publications between L/C and the Lenin Library was of value to D/A. As the publications received through this exchange are listed in the "Monthly List of Russian Accessions" (MLRA), which is prepared by the L/C, the Chairman requested that each Technical Service indicate whether they had found the MLRA of value and especially whether the MLRA included unique items which were not received from other sources. Representatives of each agency indicated that the MLRA did include unique items, and each considered it to be of considerable value. Representatives of TC and OCE pointed out that the L/C Processing Department prepared a special accession list, "Transportation in the U.S.S.R." which was of particular value to them. The representative of CTSC stated that L/C did not emphasize exchange of medical publications, as these exchanges were normally effected by the National Library of Medicine. Personnel in the latter library, however, considered that the L/C exchanges had definitely assisted them in establishing their medical exchanges. Several of the agencies indicated an interest in having the L/C prepare specialized accession lists within their fields of interest, similar to "Transportation in the U.S.S.R."

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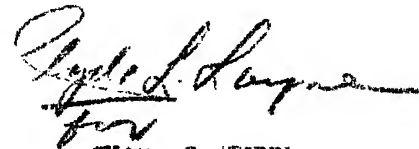
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15. The next conference will be held at 1000 hours, 9 January 1957, in Pentagon Room 20468. Suggestions for agenda items should be submitted, either formally or informally, to Foreign Reports Section, Collection Branch, Room 2C536, by 27 December 1956.

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